

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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February 6, 2015

John Morissette, Project Manager Transmission Siting Northeast Utilities Service Company P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141-0270

RE: DOCKET NO. 424 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Interstate Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Lebanon, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Chaplin, Hampton, Brooklyn, Pomfret, Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, and Windham, which consists of (a) new overhead 345-kV electric transmission lines and associated facilities extending between CL&P's Card Street Substation in the Town of Lebanon, Lake Road Switching Station in the Town of Killingly, and the Connecticut/Rhode Island border in the Town of Thompson; and (b) related additions at CL&P's existing Card Street Substation, Lake Road Switching Station, and Killingly Substation.

#### Dear Mr. Morissette:

Pursuant to a decision made in accordance with R.C.SA. §16-50j-62(b) at a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on October 31, 2013, and in response to your email of February 6, 2015, Council staff hereby approves a temporary change to the Development and Management (D&M) Plan to allow extended work hours for snow removal and de-icing activities on Monday, February 9, 2015 and Tuesday, February 10, 2015 between the hours of 5:30 AM and 7:00 AM. This work is necessary to facilitate PAR's schedule for critical tasks, including drilling and conductor installation and promotes a safe work area. Snow removal and de-icing activities will be performed on access roads and work pads in Brooklyn, Pomfret, Putnam and Killingly.

This approval applies only to the temporary change to work hours to occur on Monday, February 9, 2015 and Tuesday, February 10, 2015 proposed in your email request on February 6, 2015. Any additional changes to the D&M Plan require advance notification and approval in accordance with the Council's approval of the D&M Plan on October 31, 2013. Furthermore, the Certificate Holder is responsible for reporting requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-62.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes §16-50u.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Melanie Bachman

Acting Executive Director

MB/CMW

c: Parties and Intervenors
The Honorable Rick Ives, First Selectman, Town of Brooklyn
Jana Butts Roberson, AICP, Land Use Administrator, Town of Brooklyn
The Honorable John Hallbergh, Council Chairman, Town of Killingly
Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, Town of Killingly
Linda E. Walden, Director of Planning and Develops on Town Manager,

The Honorable Maureen Nicholson, First Selectman, Town of Pomfret Walter P. Hinchman, Planning and Zoning Chairman, Town of Pomfret The Honorable Tony Falzarano, Mayor, Town of Putnam Douglas Cutler, Town Administrator, Town of Putnam Gerard Cotnoir, Planning Chairman, Town of Putnam

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Sent:

Friday, February 06, 2015 2:56 PM

To:

**CSC-DL Siting Council** 

Cc:

Bachman, Melanie, Walsh, Christina

Subject:

DO 424 CSC Approval of Extended Work Hours Request

### Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-62(a)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) and Sections 4 and 7.2 of the Development and Management (D&M) Plan for the Construction of the Interstate Reliability Project (Project, Interstate) New 345-kV Transmission Lines and Related Minor Modifications to Adjacent Lines, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) requests that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) review and approve extended work hours for CL&P's contractor, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. (PAR) from 5:30 AM to 7:00 AM on February 9 and 10, 2015. The purpose of the extended work hour request is to allow PAR's crews time, prior to the normal daily start of construction activities, to remove snow and apply sand and de-icers (e.g., salt) as necessary along the on and off- right-of-way (ROW) access roads and work pads where transmission line construction activities will be performed on February 9 and 10.

PAR seeks this extended (early) work hour request in anticipation of the inclement weather conditions (snow) that is forecast to occur on Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 10. Allowing snow removal and de-icing work to be performed prior to the commencement of normal working hours (e.g., 7:00 AM) will facilitate PAR's schedule for critical tasks, including drilling and conductor installation, and will maintain a safe work environmental for construction personnel.

The only areas in which CL&P requests that snow plowing, sand, and de-icing applications be performed between 5:30 AM and 7:00 AM are along the ROW access roads and work pads in the following areas of Brooklyn, Pomfret, Putnam and Killingly:

- February 9: Drilling locations along the ROW: Structures 197-200 (west of Pomfret Road [State Route 169] in Brooklyn); Structures 237-239 (in the vicinity of State Route 101/Hartford Turnpike in Pomfret); Structures 249-250 (CL&P-owned land south of Lake Road in Killingly); Structures 256-261 (in predominantly agricultural areas in Putnam); and Structures 277 (north of Tracy Road) and 307 (south of U.S. Route 44 / Providence Pike) in Putnam.
- February 10: PAR conductor stringing locations between Structures 151 and 169 in Hampton and Brooklyn.

Any other snow removal sand and de-icing applications along the ROW will be performed, as needed, after 7:00 AM.

All sand and de-icing work will be performed in accordance with the "Amendments to snow Removal and De-Icing Procedures", which were provided to the Council in CL&P's November 2014 progress report for the Project (submitted December 5, 2014).

CL&P will inform the officials of the affected towns regarding the planned extended (early start) work hours.

Should you or other Council members have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at john.morissette@eversource.com or telephone at (860) 728-4532.

### Regards John

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